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# PRESIDENT WILL ANSWER NOTE OF MEXICAN LEADER

### Wilson is Back in Washington and Begins at Once to Take up Question Involving Southern Republic.

## SITUATION REGARDED GRAVE

### Entire Atlantic Fleet Will Sail South on August 29 But Navy Department Says This Order Has Nothing to do With Mexico—Will be Near, However, if Needed.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 12.—After a quiet night, three Mexican raiders were killed in a running fight with soldiers and citizens between Mercedes and Dona this afternoon. Thirty-five bandits were driven back across the river by the Americans but they were joined by 100 others and further trouble is expected. Terror prevails on the border.

Men in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties are armed, believing they face an attempt of Mexicans to seize part of Texas. They are convinced the Mexicans are bent upon wholesale massacre and destruction.

Three companies of the ninth infantry arrived from Laredo today. Rumors that 5000 troops have been ordered are circulated here. Two troop trains from General O'Higgins's headquarters at Monterey arrived at Matamoros last night. This was regarded as a significant view of the threat of an attack upon Brownsville in case of intervention by the United States.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Wilson faced the involved Mexican jungle today. Carranza has defied him and it is known the administration intends to answer.

While this situation is being dealt with, conditions along the border are becoming more serious. The entire Atlantic fleet will leave Newport for southern waters August 29. Though it was denied at the navy department the movement of the 30 warships had anything to do with Mexico, their presence at the southern drill grounds will put them nearer Mexican ports should they be needed.

Even before Secretary Lansing and the Pan-American conferees made their final "get together" appeal to the Mexican factions, the president had received Carranza's message warning them to "cease meddling." This was followed by a pronouncement from General Jara, Carranzista chief, scolding the administration and the Pan-American conference and the financial interests of both sides of the border, and pledging armed resistance to outside interference. The Carranzista agency made public telegrams from 11 Carranzista leaders declaring they would have nothing to do in any program which Carranza does not approve, and pledging their loyalty to resisting an enforced compromise with the "reactionaries."

The tone of the Carranza communications is not alone defiant, but is on the verge of insulting. Many officials expressed the belief they ought to compel action by the United States as a means of consolidating all the factions on Carranza's side and winning the sympathy of the Pan-American powers.

Lansing was the first official the president consulted with following his return from Cornish early today. Carranza's defy was taken up by the president and the secretary of state. That it was deemed objectionable was admitted. It was recognized, however that such answer as the administration wanted to make would likely precipitate a situation in Mexico as would render intervention inevitable. The Latin American envoys have refused to endorse intervention.

Cabinet Meeting Postponed. WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The cabinet meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been abandoned.

President Wilson returned from Cornish this morning. It is understood he wants to confer with the heads of

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# Portland Man Near Death From Fall in Aeroplane

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Captain George Knox was killed and Lieutenant H. B. Sutton of Portland, Oregon, was seriously injured, when an aeroplane in which they were flying at Fort Hill, Oklahoma, became unmanageable during a practice flight and crashed to the ground. The aeroplane fell 850 feet. Sutton was rushed to the army hospital. Knox was dead when extricated from the wreckage.

## VILLA'S BUSY AGENT



Miguel Diaz Lombardo, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of General Pancho Villa, is one of the busiest diplomats in Washington. He is known to the conferees of Secretary Lansing with the six ministers of South and Central American nations in connection with the peace plan in Mexico has excited his interest. He is watching the negotiations and will endeavor to protect Villa's interests. It was said he had a plan for peace which he would suggest to President Wilson and Mr. Lansing.

## WALLA WALLA RUNAWAYS ARE PICKED UP IN ECHO

(Special Correspondence.) ECHO, Ore., Aug. 12.—Nursing the ambition to walk to Portland, two small boys of Walla Walla, Arthur Schiffner, aged 12, and Chester Seaburn, aged 9, were picked up here this morning by Marshal Warnock just after they had finished their hike from Pendleton. The marshal communicated with Walla Walla and arranged to send them back this evening. Chief Kearney of Pendleton will receive them and place them aboard the Walla Walla train. The boys declare they paid their way to Pendleton from Walla Walla, which city they left four days ago. The didn't like Pendleton so concluded to walk the tracks to Portland. The elder boy lives at 304 South Front street, Walla Walla, and the younger lives on Portland avenue. Neither had been reported missing to the Walla Walla police.

Wheat Quotations. CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Close, Sept. 111 B.; Dec. 109 1-4 A; May 113 1-8. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12.—Club, 104 1-2; bluestem, 103.

# GERMANS MAKING RENEWED EFFORT ALONG RAILROAD

### Determined Attempt is Afoot to Seize Warsaw-Petrograd Line and Sever Russian Communication

## HINDENBURG IS IN COMMAND

### Succeeds Von BheLOW in Campaign in the Baltic Region According to Official Announcement from Berlin—Attack on Slav Flank Regarded as Important Move.

BULLETIN. BERLIN, Aug. 12.—Crushing the Russian defenses along the Narow and advancing to within 12 miles of the Petrograd railroad at one point, new advances for the German forces are reported all along the line by the war office. General Von Scholtz has captured important bridge heads over the Narow at Viana, east of the captured Lomza fortress, and also has occupied Wahn. Von Gallwitz has occupied Zamgroan, 12 miles from the Petrograd railroad after two days of fighting. Immediately east of Warsaw the Bavarian forces of Prince Leopold have captured Lukow, only 17 miles from the important railroad point of Sedice, the statement continued. This gives the Germans control of the shortest route over which the Slavs can withdraw upon Brest, Litovsk, and makes it imperative for the retreating forces to take a roundabout way in reaching their new line.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—With the official announcement from Berlin that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is in command of the German forces in the Baltic region and not General Von BueLOW, new interest centered in the fighting about Riga and toward the Warsaw-Petrograd railway. At the beginning of the great Warsaw drive, Von Hindenburg was in command along the Narow line. Early operations in the Baltic provinces. It

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# Old Reservoir to be Used to Store up Water for Tank

### CITY COUNCIL DECIDES TO HAVE CONNECTIONS MADE AT ONCE.

The old city reservoir will be used as a storage tank for the public natatorium, if not this year, then next. At the meeting of the city council last evening, unanimous sentiment was expressed in favor of such action and it was practically decided to make the proper connections at once unless the cost is found to be too high. In that event the work will not be undertaken until next spring.

After naming Councilmen Vaughan, Montgomery and Phelps as a committee to take charge of the natatorium, Acting Mayor Dyer suggested the use of the old reservoir as a storage tank. He explained that the overflow from the gravity system could be run into the old reservoir on nights when it was not being run directly into the pool, thus giving the natatorium a reserve supply upon which it could draw at any time. Such an arrangement would not only insure a full pool at all times, he said, but would permit of more frequent changing of the water and in addition would provide warmer water for swimming purposes as the sun would have access to the water while in the reservoir. Moreover, the old reservoir could still be connected with the water mains as now, he said, and would thus give the city an additional reserve supply of water in case of a great conflagration.

The mayor's suggestion met with hearty approval although some of the members were of the opinion that, inasmuch as the swimming season is nearing an end, the connection should not be made until next year. The committee was instructed to report next week upon the probable cost.

Acting Mayor Dyer estimated that the work would not cost over \$200. "The city has sufficient old vitrified pipe on hand," he said, "and also the necessary valves. Street Commissioner Heathman could work some prisoners on the job and thus cut down the labor bill."

Supt. F. B. Hayes of the water department was present and declared the connections can be made without much trouble. The overflow pipe line runs within 50 or 60 feet of the old reservoir he said and could be easily tapped. Another line leading from the reservoir back to the over-

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# ARMENIANS IN TRENCHES AGAINST TURKS



One of the bloodiest battles of the war was fought in the far off city of Van in Asia, between the Armenians and the Turks. The former are here shown in the "Gardens," just without the city. These Armenians aided with the allies in the war against their old persecutors and have been valiant fighters in the effort to help the allies drive the Turks from Europe. In this battle the losses of the Turks were so great that they had to give up the siege of the city. This photograph shows the Armenians fighting in the same way the war is conducted in France and Belgium between the allies and the Germans. They advanced beyond the city and threw up trenches to await the charges of the Turks.

# MARINES WHICH MAY FIGURE IN MEXICO



MARINES BOARDING U.S.S. CONNECTICUT AT PHILADELPHIA. The photograph shows U. S. Marines embarking for Haiti when the revolution broke out there and it is this type of American fighter which may again figure in the Mexican situation if the Atlantic fleet occupies Vera Cruz.

# THOUSANDS FLEE FROM VOLCANOES

NAPLES, Aug. 12.—The great volcanoes of Vesuvius, Etna and Stromboli suddenly became active. Belching steam and smoke, lava is pouring down the eastern slope of Mount Etna from two new craters, threatening Sicilian villages. Naples and Messina are panic stricken. The inhabitants are flocking to the churches, praying for the safety of their cities.

# Auto Tourist Finds Worst Roads From Here to Echo

"I have motored from Newark, N. J. to California by the southern route and have come this far on my way back via the northern route, and the worst roads I have yet encountered are those between Pendleton and Echo." This was the statement made yesterday by the driver of a tourist car passing through Pendleton, and is only a sample of the many comments heard relative to the Echo road. Last evening a man, who had just driven from The Dalles, made inquiries on the street as to the road back through Heppner and Ione. "Money couldn't hire me to go over that Echo road," he said. "I came up today and the dust and chuckholes were something frightful. I couldn't drive more than 50 feet at a time without stopping because the dust rolling up totally obscured the road. Why, I couldn't even see my front wheels." Aaa B. Thomson of Echo declares the road this year is in the worst condition he has ever seen. It and Sheriff T. D. Taylor, who traveled over it Tuesday, declares it is in an almost impassable condition. City Attorney Carter declares it is the worst road he encountered on the return trip from California and there are plenty of others to testify to its condition. Farmers along the way are preparing to straw the road now to make it more passable during the wheat hauling season.

# ANOTHER NEW GARAGE WILL BE UNDER WAY IN SHORT TIME

Through the agency of the Matlock-Laatz Investment company, with the William Jones heirs as sellers, W. P. McLean took title to the parcel of property, 100x135, located at the southeast corner of Cottonwood and Water street and will erect a garage upon it at once. This was a cash deal with a consideration of \$5000. This property has been the home place of William Jones for a number of years, but, since the fire which destroyed the house, has been unoccupied. Mr. McLean intends erecting a concrete building at once to be used as a garage and also as a headquarters for the Overland automobile for which he is the Umatilla county agent. Plans and specifications are being prepared and work on the new structure will commence immediately. Mr. McLean is a newcomer here and was formerly in the implement and automobile business in Forest Grove, Oregon. He is a man of family, having two grown sons, who will assist him in the management of his business. Mr. McLean is temporarily located at the City Auto company. The announcement of the proposed construction of a new garage follows closely the announcement of the proposed construction of a garage to become the exclusive headquarters for the Ford automobile in this county. Another concrete garage is just now nearing completion at the corner of East Court and Thompson and will be occupied by Hemmelgarn Bros. who have the agency for the Mitchell auto. With these three new garages, Pendleton will have seven big garages, indicating the extent to which the automobile business has grown in Pendleton and Umatilla county.

Execution Postponed. FORT WORTH, Aug. 12.—Half an hour before he was scheduled to be hanged, the criminal court of appeals saved C. A. Myers, 65, who was sentenced to death for the murder of A. W. Montague, in granting habeas corpus on the ground Myers was insane, the court postponed the execution sentence indefinitely.

# FURIOUS BATTLE RAGES AS CROWN PRINCE ATTACKS

### German Forces are Hurling Against the French on the Western Front in Effort to Smash Lines.

## VERDUN SCENE OF FIGHTING

### Artillery Rocks the Earth in the Entire Region As Violent Assaults Are Made on the Entrenched Positions of the Enemy—Attacks Have Thus Far Been Repulsed.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The most furious fighting on the western front for a fortnight is now in progress about Verdun with the artillery rocking the entire region. Violent assaults are being made against entrenched positions of the French. Two German night attacks were repulsed near Maria Theresa and Fountain aux Charnes, a communique announced. The crown prince is hammering hard at the French line near Vienna-La-Chateau.

## Bombs Are Dropped

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—French aviators dropped bombs upon Swebbruck and Sankingbert in Bavaria, killing eight civilians and wounding several others. It was announced. The towns are but 10 miles apart. Both have extensive machine shops, manufacturing iron and steel mills.

## Italians Gain Heights

ROME, Aug. 12.—Charging in the glare of Austrian searchlights, two Bersagliere companies drove the enemy from its entrenchment on Monte Sebusto with the bayonet. General Cadorna reported to the war office. Later, Austrian artillery rendered the position untenable and the Italians withdrew, after wrecking the works.

## German Jews Protest

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—The association of German Jews here made public their rabbi's protest against the shipment of munitions to the allies for distribution through neutral powers.

# MAN CLAIMS HE WAS HELD UP AT POINT OF REVOLVER

Held up at the point of a revolver on the streets of Pendleton last night and robbed of some money and keys is the story told by M. E. Hutchison, well known farmer, this morning. Mr. Hutchison declares he was walking up Alta street late last evening, intending to return to his room at the Alta House, when some man walked up from behind him, stuck a revolver into his stomach and commanded him to throw up his hands. The alleged robbery took place on the south side of Alta street between Thompson and College, he states. "I threw up my hands," he said in telling of the matter, "and he went through all of my pockets. He got \$5.78 in money and three keys. He didn't take my watch but it was hanging by the chain out of my pocket when he got through." Mr. Hutchison walked on to the hotel but declares he didn't report the matter to the police until this morning, fearing to return. Mr. Hutchison lives on Birch creek just west of Sparks's station.

# Vessels Can Enter River

ASTORIA, Aug. 12.—There is now 37 feet of water on the Columbia river bar at low tide, it was authoritatively announced. Vessels of the deepest draft and with large carrying capacity can now enter the river with safety.

# NEWS SUMMARY

General. President returns to Washington to take up the Mexican situation. Germans making rapid progress in Baltic region against the Russians. Army of crown prince is making furious attacks against the French forces on the western front. Local. New garage is announced to be built on Water street. Old reservoir will be used as storage tank for natatorium. Boy loses three fingers in auto accident. James Nelson is announced as desirable man for commissioner. Echo road said to be worst in country. Birch Creek farmer declares he was held up in this city.